

Re: Proceeding # 02-278

Dues paying members of membership organizations have become dependent on communicating with their members by utilizing both telephone fax broadcasts and email. Our members have provided their contact information to us and have come to depend on these means of communications. It is not only more cost effective it more rapidly delivers the message. Our members also engage in listservs and group mailings for committee transactions.

Members join a membership organization to be part of a defined group and expect communications from the organization. Electronic communications such as fax and email is the most cost effective use of their dues dollars.

Please grant dues paying membership organization exemption from the proposed rules.